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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE USIB ELINT COMMITTEE
Held in Director's Conference Room, Administration Building, CIA

Colonel Charles P. Richman, USAF, Chairman

PRESENT:

DEFENSE: Dr. John P. Gigrich
(for Mr. Madison E. Mitchell)

NSA: Mr. Benjamin J. Price

CIA: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

ARMY: Mr. Herbert W. Taylor

NAVY: Commander Frederick W. Hitz
(for Captain Frederick Welden)

AIR FORCE: Lt. Colonel Louis J. Anderson
(for Colonel William F. Scott)

JOINT STAFF: Colonel George E. Perry, USAF

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: Colonel Chas. M. Townsend, USAF

ALSO PRESENT:

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NSA: [REDACTED]

CIA: [REDACTED]

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ARMY: Major Raymond Clark
Arnie L. Millican, Lt. Col., USAR (Ret.)

NAVY: Mr. Roy Adolfson

JOINT STAFF: Colonel Thomas L. Fisher, USAF

SECRETARIAT: Major Alva H. May, USAF
Miss V. Daphne Owens

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SUBJECT NUMBER

USIB-EE-~~5.3/65~~
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Item 1 on the Agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 19 November 1959.

Subject: Approval of the Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting.

PROBLEM:

To approve the Minutes which had been submitted to the Members.

DECISION: (19 November 1959)

The Minutes of the Twentieth Meeting were unanimously approved.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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USIB-EE-35./14 Item 2 on the Agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 19 November 1959.

Subject: Emergency Planning.

PROBLEM:

To review developments in proceeding with actions required to fulfill the USIB charge to the Committee on Emergency Planning.

DISCUSSION:

The Members considered the interim report of the ad hoc committee which had been submitted to the Members with USIB-EE-35./13. It was noted that the ad hoc group is meeting on 20 November, at which time it is hoped to approve a final report for submission to the Committee.

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[REDACTED] Chairman of the Steering Committee, noted that his committee would review the papers before submission to the Board, and that the ELINT Committee would thus have another opportunity to review the final product.

The Chairman recommended that the Members note the progress of the ad hoc group and the interim report as submitted, and suggested that further action await receipt of the final report. At that time it could be decided whether a special meeting was required to approve the report prior to submission to USIB. The Members concurred.

DECISION: (19 November 1959)

To note the interim report of the ad hoc committee and to defer further action until receipt of the final report.

Action to approve final report to be accomplished, if possible, by the most feasible and expeditious means, i.e. telephone or no objection basis, prior to sending the report to the Steering Committee.

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USIB-EE-~~13.1/7~~
~~13.1/7~~ Item 3 on the Agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of
the ELINT Committee, held on 19 November 1959.

Subject: Security Procedures to Protect [REDACTED]

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PROBLEM:

To determine Committee action necessary to fulfill the USIB charge to
the Committee to study security aspects of [REDACTED] the
ELINT system.

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DISCUSSION:

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The NSA Member, speaking for the chairman of the ad hoc group, noted
that coordination of the report had not been effected with other interested
committees. The Members discussed the need for such coordination, and
agreed that the report should be coordinated with the COMINT Committee and
the Security Committee.

The CIA and Air Force Members indicated that they had some minor
reservations on the security guidelines as outlined in the report, but
would agree with the report as submitted.

DECISION: (19 November 1959)

To approve the report of the ad hoc committee as submitted and to
refer it to USIB recommending approval, after coordination has been effected
with the COMINT and Security Committees.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

To consider approval of the ELINT Committee report after its submission
to the Board with the concurrence of the COMINT and Security Committees.

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USIB-EE-5./19 Item 4 on the Agenda for the Twenty-first Meeting of the ELINT Committee, held on 19 November 1959.

Subject: Unfinished Business and Reports Due.

PROBLEM:

To review pending items of business and determine Committee actions required.

DISCUSSION:

The Members reviewed the compilation of outstanding items of business as circulated by the Secretariat with USIB-EE-5./18. Each item was considered in detail, and decisions made, if any, as follows:

1. Emergency Planning.

Discussed at this meeting. Action in progress.

2. Security Procedures to Protect [REDACTED]

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Discussed at this meeting. Action in progress.

3. [REDACTED]

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The general feeling of the Committee was that the matter was being left too much in the hands of the COMINT Committee. Current delays in completing negotiations are resulting in non-receipt of some [REDACTED] 25X1X7 COMINT/ELINT reports. It was decided that the Chairman would attend the COMINT Committee meeting on the following day, 20 November, when [REDACTED] & NSA to ensure consideration of ELINT Committee interests and arrange for participation in pertinent ad hoc groups considering the matter (in this connection CIA and Air Force indicated they wished additional representation).

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4. [REDACTED]

It was recognized that the matter of resources had a very real impact on the problem. There was some discussion of PAG's responsibilities and the general nature of the priority requirements. The CIA Member indicated that he hoped to have a report in the near future. It was decided to continue discussion of the matter at a later date.

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Noted extension of the target date for the SIC report to 1 January 1960.

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The CIA Member made a brief report on the status of the problem. Progress is being made. No action at this time.

7. DCID No. 6/21.

The NSA Member noted that his Agency had encountered no problems in this field. He considered that USIB-EE-5.7/1 adequately covered the situation and that it was up to the Members to get the information out to their field elements, adding exchanges as well as liaison. The Members agreed, and also considered that no additional Committee paper was necessary.

8. a.. The NSA Member indicated that he would try to get a report to the Committee for consideration at the next regular meeting outlining the problem.

b. As this is closely tied in with 8.a. above, further consideration was passed at this time.

c. This matter appears to have been left in abeyance with no recent action. Consideration was deferred to the next regular meeting at which time the SECDEF Member will make a report.

d. The Chairman noted that the Infrared working group has a meeting scheduled for the near future and a report to the Committee is anticipated. The CIA Member felt that this report would be available by the next regular meeting. The matter was deferred for later consideration.

ACTION FOR U. S. INTELLIGENCE BOARD:

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SECRETARY'S NOTES:

1. The Twenty-first Meeting, 19 November 1959, came to order at 1000.
2. Reference Secretary's Note 5 of the Twentieth Meeting, at the request of the CIA Member, the word "field" in the third line is changed to read "community".
3. The CIA Member initiated a general discussion on Committee views with respect to the Committee's fulfillment of its basic objectives and obligations. He considered that decisions affecting ELINT were being made throughout the community, sometimes to the detriment of ELINT, without guidance of the Committee. He felt that one definite task of the Committee was the establishment of adequate requirements and the evaluation of the fulfillment of these requirements. He considered that in many cases there were multiple programs in progress which would render the community extremely vulnerable, particularly in view of current austerity programs. In general discussion of the philosophies involved, the Members agreed that there was a definite field for investigation and introspection to ensure that the Committee was making a maximum contribution to the effective use of all US ELINT resources. It was decided to place the matter on the agenda for discussion at the next regular meeting.
4. The meeting adjourned at 1150.

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